NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AND TREATMENT OF AUTISM CLINICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

P.L. 1999, c. 105 and amending P.L. 2001, c. 338 P.L. 2003, c. 144, PL2007, c168, NJSA 30:6D-56

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 13B-AUC-4 & 5 **TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:**

Cost-reimbursement Grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

The purpose of this grant program is to support Program Sites and Pilot Projects capable of advancing the mission of the New Jersey Autism Center of Excellence (NJ ACE). The mission of the NJ ACE is to research, apply and advance best practices in the understanding, prevention, evaluation and treatment of autism spectrum disorders (ASDs), enhancing the lives of individuals across their lifespans. The NJ ACE consists of (1) a Coordinating Center, (2) Clinical Research Program Sites and (3) Clinical Research Pilot Projects. The NJ ACE Coordinating Center provides common management and support functions to unify the NJ ACE Program Sites and Pilot Project grantees, increase efficiency and reduce costs. The five-year Coordinating Center grant was awarded to Montclair State University. The NJ ACE Program Site(s) and Pilot Project(s) grantees will develop and conduct clinical research projects with the potential to improve the physical and/or behavioral health and well-being of individuals with ASDs. The Council is particularly interested in projects with potential direct clinical impact. The grantees' projects will address one of a subset of the short or long-term objectives described in the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) Strategic Plan (http://iacc.hhs.gov/strategic-plan/2012/index.shtml). See the program guidelines at www.nj.gov/health/autism for more details.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

A combined total of up to \$6,000,000 will be made available for grant programs 13B-AUC-4 (Program Sites) and 13B-AUC-5 (Pilot Projects). Each Program Site will receive up to \$450,000 per year for five years, including direct and indirect costs (15% maximum for indirect). Pilot Project applicants are encouraged to apply for a one-year or two-year award. Maximum funding is up to \$200,000 per year including direct and indirect costs, (15% maximum for indirect). Applicants may apply to both the Program Sites and the Pilot Projects grant programs; however, the same project cannot be funded twice. The anticipated start date for both grant programs is June 24, 2013. The Governor's Council on Autism reserves the right to distribute funds among the grants in this program or not to fund any grant in this program at all.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
- 2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
- 3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

For the purpose of all NJ Governor's Council for Autism (NJGCA) grants, a qualifying institution is defined as any academic institution, research organization, public or private nonprofit organization or other entity, located in the State of New Jersey, with a demonstrated capability to conduct grant funded research, but in no event can an individual be a qualifying institution. All applicants, organizations/institutions must be located within the State of New Jersey.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

Principal investigators must be affiliated with a New Jersey State academic institution, research organization, public or private agency or other entity with demonstrated capability to conduct research responsibly. Unaffiliated individuals will not be funded. Individuals of any nationality or citizenship status may apply, provided they are employed by or affiliated with a qualified New Jersey State organization/institution.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

An application for a Grant is to be submitted electronically and upon receipt of a letter of intent, inquiry or concept paper sent to the address listed below. Eligible agencies are to submit grant applications through the Department's System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE). Eligible agencies must register at the following internet

website address: www.sage.nj.gov. The Request for Applications (RFA) can be obtained by writing or calling the office listed below.

Applications and Clinical Research Program Guidelines governing grants are available for review at http://www.state.nj.us/health/autism/index.shtml. A Letter of Intent must be filed with the NJGCA no later than February 15, 2013.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Governor's Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism

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PO Box 360

5th Floor, Room 502 **FAX:** 609-943-4213

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

Deadline for Applications: 5 PM on March 25, 2013

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

Notification - June 10, 2013

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